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Teachers, support staff called to work

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A combination of funding increases, an increase in the number of schools of choice students and reduced absenteeism by teachers made it possible for the Romulus Community School District to call back employees who had been laid off.

Two weeks ago, Romulus Community Schools Board of Education members determined there was enough funding to call back teachers, paraprofessionals and other support staffers laid off earlier this year after cutbacks.

"It's been very tough," said School Board Trustee Betty Lenossi. "It's been the hardest time I've ever had on the school board because you hate to see people laid off. But the teachers helped us out by not taking off—

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Betty Lenossi

we would have had to pay substitutes. I really take my hat off to them." As of now, all laid off teachers and parapro-

fessionals have been called back. Lenossi said she's not sure if all of the custodians have been called back.

Before the end of the 2006-07 school year, the district determined it would be in debt, and pink-slipped at least 10 teachers and several more support staffers. Gradually, because of attrition and enrollment increases, the district was able to call some employees back.

But two weeks ago, it was able to call all instructional staff back. Factoring into that decision was a foundation grant—or per-pupil funding—increase from the state, and improved enrollment numbers.

Lenossi said she can't point any one thing that made the decision to call back the teachers a slam-dunk.

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Scary parade

Young students at Halecreek Elementary School busily assemble in preparation for a spooktacular parade on Halloween. They showed off their costumes to delighted residents in the neighborhood surrounding the school to celebrate the holiday last week.

Tree lighting scheduled

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The last day of November will signify the beginning of the holiday season in Romulus.

Santa will make his official arrival on Nov. 30, just in time for the annual tree-lighting ceremony, which serves as the official city holiday party.

The fun will begin at Romulus Historic Park at 5 p.m., when the Romulus Historical Commission and the Romulus Historical Society will open the museum and historic Kingsley house—both decorated for the season—to the public.

At 6 p.m., Santa will arrive at the park, where Mayor Alan R. Lambert will present him with a "key to the city" and enlist his help to light the city tree.

Afterward, the Romulus Progressive Club will open the Progressive Hall to enjoy light refreshments while Santa hears children's wishes.

The Lincoln Park Train Club, formerly the Trenton Train Club, will have train displays set up for viewing pleasure. Other entertainment includes the "Ministry in Motion" dancers and Abakadoodle Art Education.

Refreshments and gift bags for the children will be provided

Boy's return doesn't end case

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A 5-year-old boy who was the subject of a statewide Amber

Alert has been located, but the incident that led to the issuance of the alert is still under investigation.

Romulus Police Det. Lt.

John Leacher said detectives are still looking at the situation that led to Malik Steele's cousin

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Cards From Destiny

Student collects holiday cards to be sent to troops in Iraq

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Destiny Eadie of Belleville is repeating her 'Cards from Destiny' project again this year, only this time, her goal is more than 4,000 cards and letters for U.S. soldiers.

Eadie will host the 'Sign A Card For Our Troops' event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 10 at Van Buren Township Hall. The 12-year-old, South Middle School student said she wants everyone to come and sign a card for the troops.

"People can help by writing a short note inside a card to let the troops know they are being thought of during the holidays and that they haven't been forgotten,"

she said.

Eadie started the project two years ago and has since involved her family and other schools.

"I didn't really know it was going to be such a big part of my life," said the seventh grade student. "I simply wanted to send a card to an airman for Christmas."

"When I read the postings online and realize what these service men and women were doing without, I was shocked. It grew from that point on," she added. "I think everyone can do something to help another person, whether it's signing a card or a handshake and a smile to thank a veteran."

The intent is to collect the majority of cards on Nov. 10 so

they can be packaged and mailed to Iraq and Afghanistan in time for Christmas.

"I do this because I can," Eadie said. "I can make a difference to someone who is sacrificing so much for me."

Her mom, Shada Eadie, said she's not surprised by her daughter's project because of her big heart.

"It touches soldiers, military people and the people who write cards," she said. "I'm really proud of her and it makes me proud she appreciates people. It's knowing the impact she makes on service people that keeps her going; that's what it's about. If it's only 100 cards, it's still 100 smiles."

Eadie said she's not sure how long 'Cards from Destiny' will keep going, but she said there's always other troops and places to let people know they're supported.

People can also donate cards, money to cover postage or visit www.anysoldier.com to see how

else they can support the troops. Santa will also be at the Nov. 10 card signing, as well, to greet children and sign cards for the troops, too, according to Eadie.

For more information or to contribute, email Eadie at cards-fromdestiny@yahoo.com.



Destiny Eadie, with the help of her family De-Linda Johnson, Jan Winn, Jeanella Bearden, Gunesh Frederick and Shada Eadie, hope to collect more than 4,000 cards this year to mail to U.S. soldiers for the holidays.

Education association awards funds to schools

The Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation recently awarded several grants to area schools.

The mini-grants for October totaled more than \$5,000. They include: \$225.20 for the physical science transparencies at North Middle School, \$490.55 for signs for nature trails for North Middle School, \$419 for integrating technology using current events at North Middle School, \$500 for CPS system laptop at North Middle School, \$459 for Asia literature circles at North Middle School, \$500 for books at Belleville High School, \$500 for bat conservation program at Savage Elementary School, \$132 for draft book writing at Savage

Elementary School, \$500 for ping-pong at Rawsonville Elementary School, \$370.48 for ancient civilizations program at Tyler Elementary School, \$254.95 for sound contrasts phonology at Tyler Elementary School, \$497.53 for 'a picture worth a thousands words' program at South Middle School and \$500 for learning centers at Edgemont Elementary School.

The group hopes to generate more than \$100,000 in 2008 by increasing private and corporate contributions. To donate or for more information, contact the foundation at: Van Buren Education Foundation, 555 West Columbia, Belleville, MI, 48111.

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Case

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taking him from his mother on Saturday afternoon.

"Both sides of this are still under investigation, and we have sent paperwork (regarding the cousin) to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office," he said. "They will determine whether he will face charges."

The incident began at the Barrington Apartments on South Wayne Road in Romulus, where the boy and his mother are residents.

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There was an argument in the parking lot of the apartment complex about the child's welfare, and it got quite heated.

John Leacher

News in brief

Library introduces Thanksgiving crafts

The Romulus Public Library will offer young readers an opportunity to make Thanksgiving crafts this Saturday.

The Thanksgiving Fun Craft program is for pre-school-, kindergarten- and elementary school-aged children.

The event is free of charge but pre-registration is required. Room is limited, and registrations will be taken on a first come, first serve basis.

The session will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road in Romulus. For more information or to register a child, call the library at (734) 942-7589.

Chamber hosts assistant county executive

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce has invited Turkia Awada Mullin, the assistant Wayne County executive, to speak at the monthly business luncheon.

At the meeting, local businesses are given an opportunity to network. The topic of Mullin's speech is the Wayne County Land Bank and TURBO Project, which is an effort to lure businesses to blighted and abandoned areas within the county.

The luncheon will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 20, at the Clarion Barcelo Hotel, 8600 Merriman Road.

Registration will take place from 11 a.m. to noon.

The cost of the event is \$15 for chamber members, and \$18 for non-members.

Reservations must be made by Friday, Nov. 16.

For more information, or to make reservations, call the chamber at (734) 893-0694.

Person of the Year nominations sought

The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce is seeking nominations for the 2007 "Person of the Year." The deadline to nominate an individual is Dec. 15, 2007.

All nominations must include a biographical synopsis of the candidate's professional and community activities, and must state why they should be named the Person of the Year.

Nominations can be made by anyone. Forms to nominate an individual can be obtained at the chamber office, or can be downloaded at the chamber's web site, www.romuluschamber.org.

For more information, call the chamber at (734) 893-0694.



Helping animals

The Boy Scouts of Troop 872 organized a pancake breakfast fundraiser to benefit the eventual construction of an animal shelter at the Romulus Senior Center during the 2007 Pumpkin Festival. They presented a check for \$627 to Councilman Bill Wadsworth at the city council meeting Monday night. To date, Wadsworth's efforts – and the efforts of several local business owners and community groups, have netted about \$100,000 toward the construction of a new shelter.

Church will help feed the poor

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

It's bound to be a cold winter for the less fortunate this year.

At least one local organization, the Nitch for the Needy Sewing Guild, is hoping to warm up evenings for the elderly and poor this year by donating at least 78 turkeys and food baskets for those in Romulus who are struggling with job losses and other economic challenges.

"People struggling just to get by miss out on a lot of celebrations and opportunities due to the lack of resources," said Alan Richards, a parishioner at the Ball Road Tabernacle Church, where the sewing group originated. "We're trying to give them what they need to have a decent holiday with their families."

This year, the church is hoping many area residents will come to a craft and bake sale,

which will allow the group to purchase even more turkeys. Members of the church who are proficient with sewing and knitting needles have been making items to sell, but the church is also hoping area residents will donate handcrafts.

"Quite a few people make quilts and other items, and then don't have anyone to give them to," Richards said. "We want to encourage those people to donate the items for the fair so we can help more families."

The church gets most of the turkeys from Wayne County, and can guarantee that at least 78 turkeys will be donated. Whatever they can raise at the craft fair will add to that number, and provide additional Thanksgiving fixings, Richards said.

Outreach into the community is important during the holidays, especially as the Michigan econ-

omy has faltered, Richards said. Community groups have been inundated with requests for assistance, and no matter how many requests can be fulfilled, its unlikely the actual need will be met, he added.

"We help as many people as we can, but we need more support," Richards said.

The craft fair, called Christmas Once More – Charity Bake Sale and Bazaar— will take place at the Ball Road Fellowship Hall from 1-4 p.m. on Nov. 18. The fundraising goal this year is \$1,500.

Admission to the event is free.

The Ball Road Fellowship Hall is located at 7007 Ball Road in Romulus.

Those who cannot attend the fair are encouraged by Richards to make a donation, no matter how small. Checks should be made out to Ball Road Tabernacle Church.

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"All of these things helped us," she said. "Everything came together, and we were able to get it done."

Revenues generated by the district schools of choice program can't be denied, however.

The choice program, which is statewide and allows students to enroll in a district that accepts students, and if their own district is failing, has been a salvo for a district that lost 750 students from 1999 to 2004, officials

said.

The program was introduced two years ago at two elementary schools after the board hired Carl Weiss as superintendent, and it was expanded to another elementary school this year.

The expansion allowed the district to enroll about 96 additional students from the immediate area – up from about 49 last year. Those students bring state funding with them.

Romulus Community Schools operates on a \$38 million budget, and educates about 4,400 children.

Lenossi said she's glad the teachers are back to work, and

the fiscal difficulties have been abated, but added that there's reason to be concerned for the next fiscal year.

"I think it's hard to say whether we're out of the woods," she said. "If funding stabilizes, we won't have to lay anyone off next year. But it's going to depend on what happens in the state."

A number of pressures have exerted themselves on the district, including enrollment losses to charter schools, and the number of students who did not re-enroll because they have moved out of the state with their families, officials noted.

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by the Romulus Recreation Department.

The Golden Griffon Stringtet will provide entertainment in

the Kingsley House and refreshments will be served in the museum.

Romulus Historical Park is located on Hunt Street, near the Romulus Post Office. The Romulus Progressive Club is located at 11580 Ozga Road, near

Five Points.

Photos with Santa will be available for \$2 each. The remainder of the program is free to Romulus residents.

For more information, call Romulus Parks and Recreation at (734) 941-8665.

OPINION

Time to move on

Another election season has come to a close. We've seen the gamut of the political spectrum this year: a race so congenial in the City of Plymouth that most of the candidates have said they'll be happy no matter who wins. There have been more contentious races in Westland and Inkster, last minute allegations dropped and even contests from other communities—specifically Livonia—that may have an impact on municipalities in our coverage area. Here are some final thoughts on the election of 2007. Even though this editorial was written well before press time, when the winners and losers are still in doubt, we feel these thoughts are applicable to all.

First off, it was good to see so many candidates vying for local office. These contests are usually lackluster, unless people are really upset about something, but that hasn't been the case this year. Whether it was because an incumbent wasn't running—as is the case in the City of Northville—or because of term limits in the City of Plymouth or the general change in Westland, there were plenty of concerned, well-qualified candidates to go around.

For the most part, the candidates concentrated on issues, too, rather than personal attacks. There were a few oddities, like Jason Vorva, a write-in candidate in the City of Plymouth still miffed that an old charter provision threatened to keep from the race—even though that issue was resolved in the summer. Or Anthony Guilliom, another City of Plymouth candidate who refused to come in for his editorial profile interview, asking us on a few occasions to 'make something up.'

Now that voters have sorted out the winners and losers, though, it's time for everyone to get together and get on with the business of local government. It's a business that has taken on a more serious role of late, because elected officials in Lansing continue to put politics before progress and that's something we cannot afford at the local level.

In this day and age, it's every community for itself, and those with the strongest voice, the most cohesive governments and the willingness to cooperate and move their community forward will have the most success.

A long, loud sigh of relief

Officials in the City of Wayne—and the surrounding communities, as well—most likely breathed a sigh of release at the news that came out of the UAW negotiations this week.

Ford Motor Co. and the UAW have a tentative agreement that would spare several assembly plants and poise the automaker to be more competitive in the future. The agreement still needs to be ratified by union locals, but executives and union leadership alike have both lauded it.

The agreement specifically stipulates that the Wayne Stamping and Assembly Plant and the Michigan Truck Plant will continue to operate. Both would be scheduled for new products—and an investment from Ford Motor.

These are obviously good things for the greater Wayne community. Ford Motor provides more than 60 percent of the tax base for the city, as well as the bulk of the budget for the Downtown Development Authority (DDA). We sincerely hope that union members take a good, hard look and this agreement with the understanding that giving up a little bit is preferable to losing everything.

Wayne leaders have long touted their relationship with Ford Motor. There are obvious reasons for the company to continue to operate here

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Painting a picture of success

What a difference a year makes. The Wayne City Council approved a new contract with David Fichter and Joshua Winer on Monday night, assuring the mural on the State Wayne Theater will cover the entire east side of the building.

It was approved without any discussion, even though it will cost the Downtown Development Authority an additional \$10,000.

Last year, when the issue first came up, it was a touch and go decision. It wasn't unanimous among city council members, who worried about a tight budget and the mixed message it would send to pay for the start of a public art program.

Later on in the year, City Manager John Zech essentially had to plead with the council to continue the project, because some of them had voiced private concerns based on the questions they had been asked about the project from citizens.

Fortunately, the decision held and the city decided to give it a shot.

So what changed this time around? Nothing, really.

The city is still in a tight budget situation. The economy hasn't exactly picked up. There are still concerns about the Ford Motor Co. plants in

Wayne—although those have been alleviated, for now, as it appears union negotiations have ensured that they will stay open. Funding is still an issue, staff levels too.

I think the big difference has been seeing the project take shape and hearing the virtually unanimous praise for the mural, which depicts the history and present of the city. Winer and Fichter essentially ensured they would return with the quality of the first phase of the project. It probably didn't hurt that the city administration supported it, either.

I know that the whole concept of a downtown art project isn't universally embraced. There are some people who question the validity of it, who wonder how it will help in the overall scheme of downtown revitalization. I maintain my stance on it: it's something different; it shows potential entrepreneurs or developers that there's more going on here than just the basics of government service. Next year, when the Michigan Avenue project is completely finished, when the work on the remaining walls is going on, people will think that

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And not a moment too soon...

Am I alone when I say I'm glad election season is over?

Most reporters all seem to let out a sigh of relief after election season ends. Personally, I've been counting down the days.

OK, I know it's my job and all, but frankly I'm just plain burnt-out on political profiles, candidacy letters, 'who's going to do what', grumbles about who was or wasn't endorsed by the paper and candidates who wouldn't even go through an interview with our paper in the first place.

By the time this is published, the polls will be closed and there will be a new city council, a new mayor and a soon-to-be new city manager in Belleville. It's a scary, but refreshing thought for the city.

Scary, because there will only be two incumbents who have the city history under their belt, but yet refreshing because of the overwhelming turnout of candidates who want to bring a new voice to Belleville.

Sitting through interviews—in particular for the city manager position—I was skeptical of the potential candidates. I found myself nervous for Belleville all over again. The lack of managerial experience in some, the way tactics would be approached and even, in some cases, candidates who had pending lawsuits, all left me uneasy. I

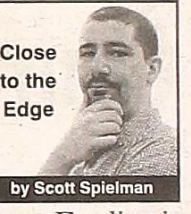
started to get flashbacks of this past year, when I sat through meeting after meeting wishing I were anywhere, but at a Belleville City Council meeting.

Anyone who's been following Belleville happenings lately knows about the recent debacles. The past year or so, which included constant turmoil between council members, allegations, budget woes, officials who were terminated, city credit card purchases questioned and employee resignations.

While it makes my job more interesting, it's not in the best interest of the city. So now, more than ever, city officials need to work together for Belleville during this time of transformation.

The end of elections is the end of the era where 'talk becomes cheap' and 'actions will speak louder than words.' It's the time when we'll see what really will be done. At least candidates were in agreement on one issue—put the past in the past and move forward.

The new officials won't officially be sworn into office until December. And for now, I still remain hopeful that this time around I won't have to report on city issues similar to the past, but rather on issues where officials 'get along' for the progress and betterment of the city.



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by Scott Spielman



King's Court

by Andrea King

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Warm welcome

Rotary Club helps fund student winter coat program

The Belleville Rotary Club recently donated \$2,500 to the Van Buren Public Schools for Operation Warm, a program that provides winter coats for at-risk elementary students.

Van Buren Public Schools typically identifies area children who are at-risk for not having sufficient winter clothing due to family economic conditions.

This year, the benefactor who usually contributes the coats was unable to do so, which put the program in jeopardy. Paul Henning, communications specialist and grant writer for the school district, contacted the Belleville Rotary Club and asked if the club could provide help. Rotary recognized a need in the community and was able to respond with the contribution of \$2,500 for the Operation Warm coat program, which services Van Buren Township, Sumpter Township, Belleville and parts of Ypsilanti and Canton, officials said.

"This is what Rotary International is all about, helping children and families in our local community in addition to communities around the world," said Debra Green, president of the Rotary. "We wanted to help this year while the schools work on long term support from local businesses and organizations. Our club is small with limited resources, but we wanted to do all we could to help our students."

"This program will not be interrupted thanks to the Belleville Rotary Club reaching out to our at-risk community,"



Paul Henning, communications specialist for the Van Buren Public School District, accepts the donation from Debra Green, president of the Belleville Rotary, along with Peggy Voigt, elementary curriculum supervisor for the school district.

Contact

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in the city, too. It's proximity to the headquarters, easy freeway access, the overall nature of the blue-collar community all factor into it. It's a good idea to keep up those relationships, of course, and

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leaders in Wayne are taking their on path toward economic development and not relying on the

to be responsive to the ongoing needs of the company by providing tax abatements when necessary—again with the understanding that giving up a little is preferable to losing everything.

They might also want to take a stark look into the future and plan for the possibility—however remote it might seem right now—that that ax may fall. That would

state to help push things forward. That's why I think it was an easier decision this time around. That's why I think there wasn't a whole lot of discussion on it—that and if they talked about it, it would probably become clear that the city could have saved

said Pete Lazaroff, superintendent of the school district. "Project Warm is an outstanding service. This is really one of those shining moments that define us as a community."

"We were given late notice concerning the unfortunate news about Operation Warm funding," said Henning. "It was an eleventh hour request to the Belleville Rotary Club and they were able to respond quickly. I would like to extend our deepest thanks to them on behalf of the children."

The Fred C. Fischer Library in Belleville is looking for children ages 6-11 to become a part of their 'Ravin' Readers' program.

Children can meet other children, participate in craft projects, get a chance to win new books, enjoy snacks and visit with friends, according to library officials. The club meets at 3:30 p.m. on one Saturday a month on Nov.17, Dec.15, Jan. 26, Feb.16, Mar. 22 and April. 19.

The library will also host holiday story times from Nov. 12 until Dec. 12. Programs include: a ter-

Library seeks 'Ravin Readers'

hour request to the Belleville Rotary Club and they were able to respond quickly. I would like to extend our deepest thanks to them on behalf of the children."

Santa will also make an appearance at 6 p.m. on Dec. 17 at the library. For more information about any of the upcoming programs, contact Tara Moffett, youth services librarian, at (734) 699-3291 or TMoffett@belleville.lib.mi.us.

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Bids must be submitted in sealed envelopes and returned to the City Clerk's Office no later than 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 28, 2007.

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THE SCENE

Bee afraid... Seinfeld flick doesn't live up to the hype

The Seinfeld curse has extended to the silver screen. Jerry Seinfeld, whose sitcom ranks among the most popular of all time, returns to the spotlight—sort of—in Bee Movie an animated film about bees that, well, never really gets off the ground.

Seinfeld provides the voice of Barry B Benson, a young drone who, with his friend Adam (Matthew Broderick) has just graduated from bee college and is about to report to work for the first time.

Barry and Adam have very different feelings about this: Adam is excited to pick his future, Barry appalled at the prospect of doing the same thing every day for the rest of his life.

"You mean you're going to work us to death?" He asks.

"We're sure going to try," is the reply.

He bluffs his way into a group of 'pollen jocks,' the lucky ones that get to leave the hive and search for pollen and his eyes are opened through a fantastic—and sometimes frightful—trip above Central Park and New York City. It's there that he meets and falls for Vanessa (Renee Zellweger) a human florist.

Soon he's breaking all the bee rules. He's talking to her and her stressed out, overly competitive boyfriend, Ken (Patrick Warburton).

He visits a supermarket and is appalled to see all the honey on the shelves. That discovery takes him to a bee farm, where he is even more appalled to see the forced labor conditions there.

"We're making the honey, but they're making the money!" Barry exclaims. He decided to sue the human race.

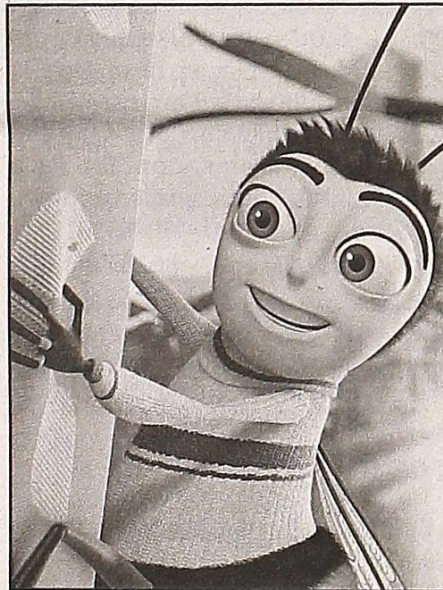
It's hard not to be struck by a simple fact when you're watching this film: sometimes funny people do things that just aren't funny. Seinfeld, a witty comic, co-wrote the film, but few of the gags translated well.

There were scenes where the animation is more than just impressive—Barry's trip through the park is one—but the whole film doesn't measure up to other recent animated movies.

The film had plenty of star power, too, with John Goodman playing a slimy lawyer named Layton T. Montgomery; Oprah Winfrey provided the voice of the judge; Chris Rock got a few laughs as a mosquito named Mooseblood and Sting and Ray Liotta made cameos as themselves.

Still, there was not much to elevate the film beyond the realm of the ordinary and much of the dialogue tended to drone on. Who knows, maybe I'm just not ready for a bee-human relationship.

Reviewed By
Scott Spielman
Editor



Kid's corner

I liked this movie, but not a lot.

My favorite part was where the bee (Adam, voiced by Matthew Broderick) stung the fat guy (Layton Montgomery, voiced by John Goodman) in the butt. Then he had to walk around in a baby bouncer because his butt hurt. That was funny.

I learned about bees. You don't want to try to swat them because then you'll get stung for sure.



Kid's
Corner

by Henry Spielman

Touched by an Agency Foundation grant funds vests for Fife and Drum Corps



The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps marches during the annual Plymouth Community 4th of July Parade. The group is a 45-member ensemble that dresses in traditional Continental soldier garb.

Lester L. Holmes, Jr.
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps will soon have new vests thanks to members Lindsey and Kristen Johnson.

The sisters from Plymouth submitted an essay to the Chrysler Foundation Touched by an Agency program describing how the corps has impacted their lives. The organization was so moved by the essay, the group awarded the fife and drum corps a grant to cover the cost of new vests for the 45-member band ensemble. The award is \$1,000.

"We're very, very excited about receiving this," said Patty Riggio, a spokesperson for the fife and drum corps.

The corps consists of music students from middle school to high school from Plymouth and surrounding communities.

Corps members are dressed in replicas of the Continental uniforms of Gen. George Washington's personal lifeguards and have performed in more than hundreds of parades, festivals and other patriotic-themed events throughout the country. The group was formed in 1971.

Lindsey, who plays bass drum and Kristen, who plays fife, have been part of the corps since 2004. The musicians are also students in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

While the group appreciates the grant from Chrysler, administrators are more proud to know that their members are take as much pride as being part of the corps.

"We are really honored that the members of the corps feel this way," Riggio added.

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Holiday Home Tour

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There are trees where no one would ever expect them, themed trees decorated with cue balls and poker chips and there is a 7 1/2 foot purple (yes, purple) tree gracing a guest bedroom. And that's just the beginning of the 10th annual Northville Community Foundation Holiday Home Tour, sponsored this year by Toll Brothers and Main Street Bank.

Banisters are draped with garland and festooned with ribbons and flowers and angels fill a dining room, but the one prevailing theme in holiday décor this year is making the decorations complement the rooms of the home.

The decorators are racing against time, they agreed, but are confident all will be ready and in full holiday glory next week for the tour. The five homes will be open from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 16 and Saturday, Nov. 17.

Robert Newell of Robert Newell Designs, has decorated all three levels of a Stonewater home on the lake with several trees that are almost an extension of the room, but still add the holiday spirit.

"We did a game room tree with poker chips and cards, kings and queens and cue balls, that is really something to see," Newell said. "We tried to put a little Christmas in every room."

The Stonewater home has walls of windows to allow for the waterfront view, which initially provided a challenge for Newell.

But when he put the 15-foot tree in the great room, the themed trees in the bedrooms and added the 7 1/2 foot purple tree in a guest bedroom, the owner knew he was the right man to bring the holidays to her home.

Newell, who is lending his skills to the tour for the third year, accented the purple tree with teal and gold washed

silver bulbs for a really spectacular look.

The homeowner is a talented woodworker and craftsman and has added moldings, built his own front door, added granite and cherry surrounds at fireplaces, all in his 'spare time,' according to his wife.

"He is very talented, and people are always amazed when they see what he has done," she said. This home also features six hand painted original wall murals.

Professional holiday decorating is becoming more and more the popular, all the decorators agreed. "We're in one of the few growth industries," Newell said.

Newell noted that demand for his home holiday expertise continues to increase, as does the number of commercial facilities he transforms for the holidays.

"This was a great house to work in," Newell said. "I put a spiral tree in the dining room and each tree is customized to the room it is in, rather than what is popular."

Rose Oddo who owns both Flowers 'N Stuff and Bella Fine Furniture and Accessories in Plymouth agreed, although she takes a different approach to her work for the tour.

"We are more a design studio," Oddo said. "But we love doing the holiday tour. This is our second year."

Oddo and her staff took on a 5,000 square foot home in Fox Hollow where they could display their custom design skills in a holiday mode. "Since we do it all, and have it all in stock, we do furniture, lamps, rugs, accessories, custom draperies, we really enjoy being able to incorporate that into the home tour," she said.

"We've put up five very large trees and trees in the bedrooms, bathrooms, just tons and tons of stuff," Oddo said. "When the home is this large, it takes a lot to make it really look as festive as we want."

"We like to complement the owner's taste and the furnishings already in the rooms," Oddo said. "This home was just perfect for bronze and metallics."

Visitors will be immediately impressed, said Oddo who decorated a tour home last year, with the 12-foot tree and the two half trees in the foyer. "It really is lovely, breathtaking, really," she said.

Barb Anderson, the owner of Flowerpots, and Barb Baloh are new to the home tour this year, and are enjoying the challenge.

"We were recommended by Dawn McCallister, who originally decorated the condo we are doing in Northville Hills," Anderson said. "She was going to be out of town and that's how we

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Barb Anderson and Barb Baloh of Flowerpots have spent more than a week already decorating one of the homes on the tour this year.

Robert Newell of Robert Newell Designs has decorated all three floors of a lakefront home for the tour this year.

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Homes

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got invited to participate. We really feel honored."

The condo is more than 4,000 square feet and Anderson and Baloh spent a great deal of time planning and designing before actually starting to decorate.

"We used a lot of the homeowner's decorations, mixed with ours, and it just puts a whole new look to the home," Anderson said.

Anderson operates Flowerpots from her home but notes that she has a large supply of items and does seasonal decorating shows about twice a year.

"In this economy, people want to stay home more, make their homes a haven for the holidays, entertain friends there, and they want it to look really special," Anderson said.

"We continue to get more and more requests to do homes for the holidays," she said. "We enjoy that aspect, incorporating the homeowners' decorations with a few of our things and giving the home a new, fresh look," she added.

At the tour home, Anderson and Baloh blended and matched their work to the décor, using an angels theme in the dining room and a children's red and black plaid look for the owner's nine grandchildren in the lower level.

"We used as many different themes as we could. In the kitchen we have a real surprise. We used Thanksgiving and fall and I don't think too many people will do that, but it's great. People are still thinking about Thanksgiving, so we used pumpkins, bittersweet and turkeys."

"We wanted people to see as many ideas as possible, so they could take some with them," she said. "This is a gorgeous, traditional, elegant home, so we tailored the decorations to that look. We're very happy with the way it turned out."

Also on the tour is a Victorian home built and decorated by the owners, who each used their professional skills to complement the

numerous architectural and decorating touches.

Tickets for the tour are \$20 in advance or \$23 if purchased at Ward Church the day of the event. They can be purchased at Gardenviews, Community Financial, Main Street Bank and the Northville Chamber of Commerce. To purchase by charge, call the Northville Community Foundation office at (248) 374-0200. Tickets are limited and the event sells out every year.

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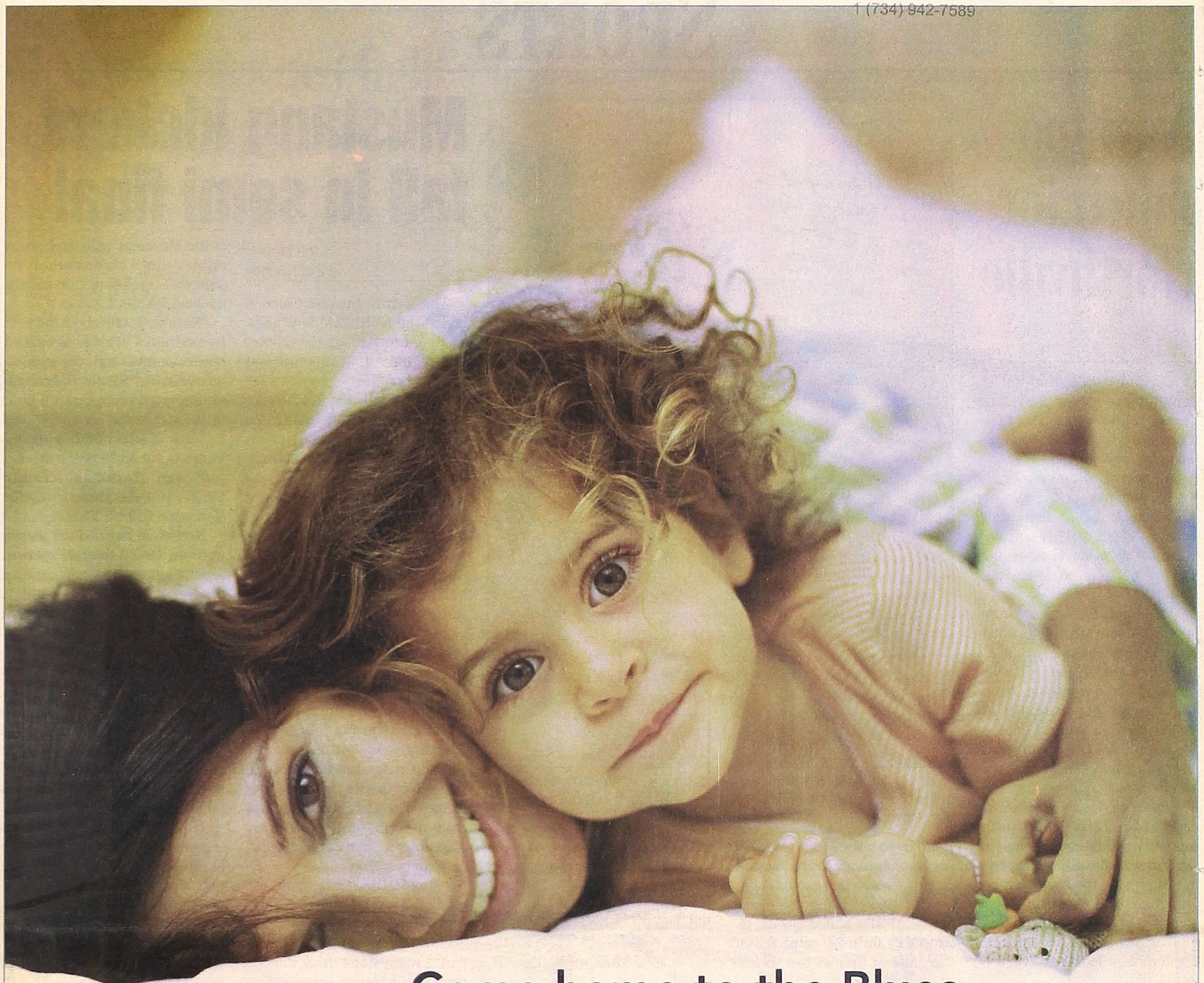
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SPORTS

Novi too much for Northville

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Northville Mustang volleyball squad looked like two different teams when they faced Canton in the district semifinals and Novi in the finale.

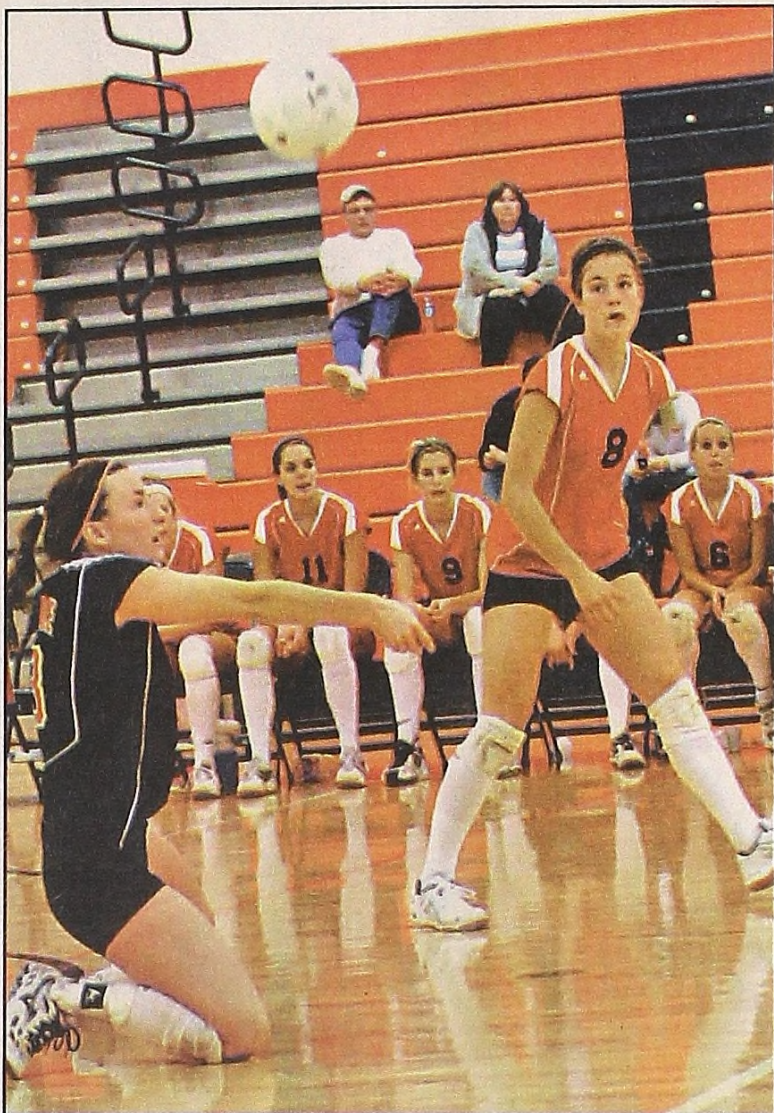
Whatever momentum the Lady Mustangs picked up when they beat Canton in three games (25-16, 25-22, 25-18) was lost against the Wildcats when they fell to Novi in three (25-15, 25-19, 25-18) contests.

The back-to-back matches weren't a concern to Northville Coach Laura Lesko.

"They didn't want a break," she said about her team. "I find that it's easier because they are still warm from before. I think we lost some of the momentum between games and we just had a few too many unforced errors."

Northville was nearly flawless against the Lady Chiefs in the semi-finals. Canton came into the contest with the advantage, beating Northville the last two times, but The Lady Chiefs had a depleted lineup in the semifinal.

Northville took advantage of Canton's new look and took a 7-0



Northville junior libero Beth Foucher goes for a dig against visiting Novi in the district finals on Friday. Novi won the match in three games for the crown.

lead in the first game off the serve of junior Claire Wixted. Northville won that game, 25-16.

The second game was closer but Northville pulled out the 25-22 victory for a 2-0 game advantage. Allison Holmes had six kills

in the game.

Canton's offense struggled in the third game while Northville's flourished. Sophomore outside hitter Kelly Maise knocked down

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Mustang kickers fall in semi final

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The east Kentwood Falcons ended the Northville Mustangs' exciting run through the district and regional tournaments last Wednesday.

The 'Stangs raced to a 2-0 lead in the first half but the rush came to a halt when the Falcons scored three unanswered goals and rallied for a 3-2 victory.

Northville junior midfielder Nathan Hrivnak got things rolling when he broke free up the weak side and scored on a sliding goal at the 19:09 mark of the first half. Then, at the 14:34 mark, junior forward Alex Marilley blocked a pass that found its way to sophomore Doug Beason. Beason knocked it in for a 2-0 Northville lead.

It was an uncharacteristic lead for the group labeled the "cardiac kids" through the Division 1 state playoffs, according to Northville Coach Henry Klimes. The team had come back from deficits on two separate occasions to beat ranked opponents in overtime.

"Maybe the goals came too quick for us this time," Klimes said. "We got out of the first half, 2-1, and were comfortable with that. I really don't think that we were playing our 'A' game like we did against Stevenson and Dearborn and Saline."

Kentwood's Mark Barone, a Michigan State University recruit, took some of the wind out

of the Mustangs' sails and resuscitated his Falcons when he scored 17 seconds later to narrow the lead, 2-1.

"We always talk about the next five minutes after a score and how vulnerable and susceptible a team can be," Klimes added. "All of that momentum that we built up we gave away."

Dan Nederhoed knotted things up at 33:36 of the second half and freshman Nermin Crnkic put the game away for Kentwood with 12:28 remaining.

Northville finished the season with an 18-2-5 overall record. Along the way the team earned a district championship—its first in four years—and won the school's first regional crown with a 4-0 victory over Saline.

"It is a little disappointing how we finished," Klimes said, "but I am so proud and honored to have coached this group. They're a great group of kids that play for each other and not the cliché of playing for themselves. We just hope that that unity carries on."

Klimes will graduate nine seniors in June but a solid group of juniors—13 in all—along with two sophomores will return to carry on the torch.

Klimes—as always—said he will take a step back to find out what his status with the team will be next year.

"I've been coaching for 20 and I love what I do," he said. "I love working with the kids and that's more important to me than records and championships."

Ignition gets revenge, wins home opener

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Redemption was in the air at Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township on Saturday.

The Detroit Ignition had a chance to avenge its loss to the Philadelphia KiXX in the Major Indoor Soccer League (MISL) championship finale back in April with a rematch on Saturday in front of a sold-out home crowd.

The Ignition was perfect in the first half, holding the KiXX scoreless. They raced to a 17-6 victory to start the season.

Detroit held to a 9-0 half-time advantage over the defending MISL champs.

Defender Jonathan Greenfield got things rolling for

Detroit with the team's first goal of the 2007-08 campaign. He nailed a two-point shot off of an assist from midfielder Ricardinho at 12:35 of the first quarter.

With one second left in the quarter, forward Hewerton Moreira booted a three-point goal past Philadelphia keeper Peter Pappas to give Detroit a 5-0 lead. Ricardinho notched the assist on the goal.

Moreira struck again at 8:52 of the second period with a two-point goal off an assist from midfielder Vahid Assadpour. Ricardinho scored the final two points of the half on a power-play for a substantial 9-0 lead.

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John Glenn doesn't keep pace with Cougars

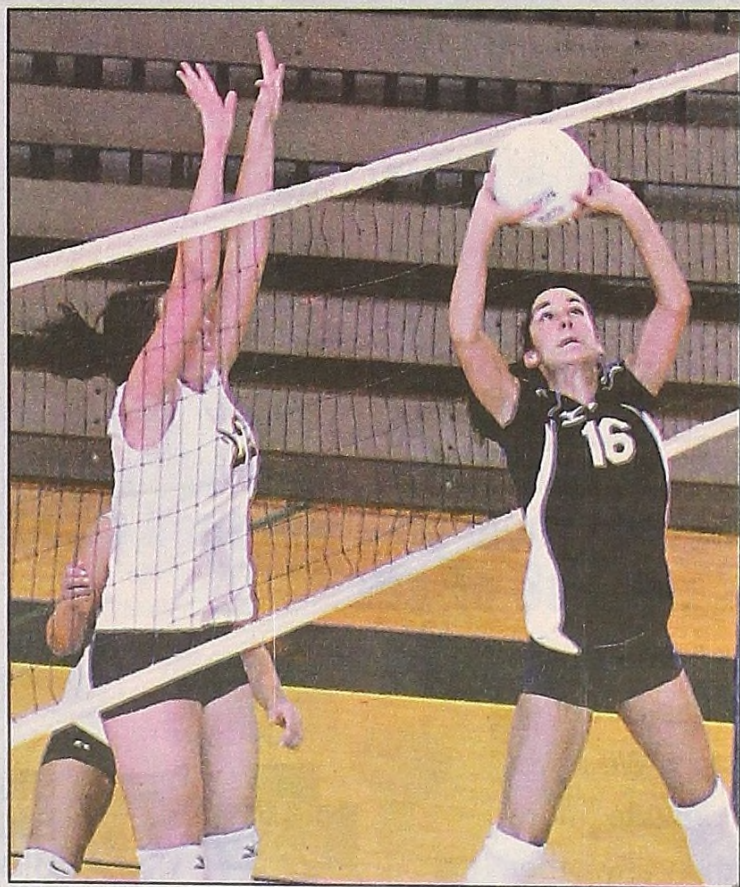
Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The John Glenn volleyball squad looked better than its 10-22-6 record might indicate.

The Lady Rockets stormed through the preliminary rounds of district play on Saturday at Wayne Memorial, but they met their match when they faced off against Garden City in the finals—a rivalry labeled as the "Ford Road Border War" by second-year Glenn Coach Julian Wargo.

It took four games for the Cougars to triumph over the Rockets.

"John Pace's girls always bring a strong game to the court," Wargo said. "We were able to hang with them throughout the contest, and kept Brittany Holbrook very active at the net. But their smart hitting and serving gave them an upper hand. Our passing broke down a couple of



Glenn's Lauren Baker sets against Wayne's Kristen Miller on Saturday in District play. Photo by Ken Garner

times, which was just enough for them to step through the door. We were not able to deliver the big kill or tough serve when we needed it."

Garden City won the first two games, 22-25 and 25-21. Glenn got going in the third for a 25-13 victory that set the stage for game four. The fourth

was close all the way through but the Cougars edged out the 27-25 win for the district crown.

Brittany Holbrook led the team with 33 kills, three blocks, four aces and 11 digs in the match. Kirstin Kirk was a

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SPORTS

Inkster continues fight against ineligibility

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

After the world of the Inkster football team collapsed around them, Head Coach Greg Carter vowed to clear the names of those players that were accused of being ineligible. The alleged violation forced the team to forfeit eight of its nine wins this season.

He's off to a good start. Carter already received the original birth certificate from the hospital in Liberia, Africa to prove that the transfer student from there was 18—not 20—as originally thought.

However, he didn't receive the proof until after the first round of playoffs.

"It was too late, but my main focus right now is to clear the names of these kids and prove that I don't have to cheat to win football games," Carter said. "I'm upset that the administrator in the Westwood School District that made the call to the state did not call me first. He should have had the common courtesy to call me to talk about any problems that he had before calling the state."

Another student transferred to Inkster from a charter school in Detroit that only went to ninth grade, according to Carter. The school has since added a 10th grade, so the player was declared ineligible. According to MHSAA guidelines, he should have sat out the first semester at Inkster because he could have stayed at the charter school for another

year, Carter said. The student's parents turned in brochures from the charter school that showed it only went to ninth grade at the time of the child's transfer, however.

With that evidence submitted, MHSAA officials said Inkster fielded additional players they felt were unable to play.

"When I talked the MHSAA the day they declared us ineligible for the playoffs they told me it was only the two players," Carter said. "Now, they keep coming up with more."

There is a rule in the MHSAA handbook that dictates when complaints are made about a team after the sixth week of play; no executive meeting is needed for a decision. That puts the decision in the hands of MHSAA Executive Director, John Roberts. His decision is final at that point with no chance to appeal, Carter said.

John Johnson, director of communications for the MHSAA, said the decision stands and will not be overturned.

Carter said he would provide whatever proof he needs to prove the team's innocence.

The situation did light a fire under Carter in more ways than one.

"Maybe this is what I need to be a better coach," he said. "Maybe this will make me better prepared and prepare my team better. We will use this as motivation for next year's team to play for this year's graduating seniors that didn't have the chance they deserved."

the team with 20 digs. Senior Megan Hofmeister and Wixted each had 12 digs.

Canton looked out of sync in its new line-up minus senior Lauren McPartlin—who was out for personal reasons.

"We had a hard time adjusting to the new lineup," said Canton Coach Jen Barnes.

"It wasn't one of our best games. We were only down one person and I only made a couple of changes, but we really struggled."

Senior outside hitter Ellie Kenny led the offense with 17 kills.

The defense struggled, too. Senior Laura Daniels led the team with 10 digs.

Ignition

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Ricardinho increased the lead more at 9:19 of the third quarter with a two-point shot off an assist from Hewerton.

The KiXX got things going in the third and fourth frames with three unanswered goals to make it an 11-6 game.

Midfielder Tony Donatelli put the first points on the board for Philadelphia with a two-point goal at 12:20 in the third. Forward Aaron Susi notched an assist on the goal.

Philadelphia midfielder Angel Rivillo notched a two-point power play goal at 6:10 in the fourth quarter with an assist from forward Don D'Ambra. Rivillo scored again at 9:14 with a two-point shot off an assist from Susi.

As the quarter came to a close, Philadelphia pulled its goaltender in favor of a sixth attacker.

Ignition defender Droo Callahan and midfielder Kyt Selaidopoulos both took advantage of the empty net, each scoring a three-point goal to bring the final score to 17-6.



Ignition mid Jonathan Greenfield works against a KiXX defender on Saturday. Greenfield scored the team's first goal of the 2007-08 season in the home opener. The Ignition won the game, 17-6. Photo by Ken Garner

The KiXX will get another shot at the Ignition when they host Detroit on Saturday. The Ignition returns home to host the New Jersey Ironmen at 4:35 pm on Sunday.

The latest scores are just a click away at journal-group.com

Mustangs

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eight kills to lead Northville to victory.

"The girls came out motivated and fired up and ready to play," Lesko said. "Canton beat us the last two times that we played them so the girls didn't want that to happen again."

Krysta Cicala finished the match with 42 assists. Maise finished with 16 kills while Holmes and Sarah Koupal added 12 and nine kills respectively.

On defense, junior Beth Foucher led

CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC WORKSHOP ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

The City of Romulus invites you to attend a public workshop on the updated Draft Zoning Ordinance to discuss the revisions before it is finalized.

The public workshop will be held on Wednesday, November 28, 2007 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485

A copy of the revised ordinance in its entirety may be viewed at the Planning Department between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The Planning Department is located on the 1st floor of City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Van Buren Township, in accordance with guidelines of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, will be holding public hearings in order to receive comment and suggestions from residents of the community on the possible use of the Township's 2008-2009 Community Development Block Grant funds. The estimated funding level for the 2008-2009 CDBG Budget year is \$135,000.

The CDBG program gives priority to those qualified activities which further national objectives. These objectives are:

- To assist low and moderate-income persons
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Some past projects in Van Buren Township have included: removal of ADA barriers in public facilities, senior citizen programs, ADA playground equipment, planning and design of community areas, demolition of unsafe structures, housing rehabilitation, and administration.

A Public Hearing will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 20, 2007 at the Van Buren Township Hall located at 46425 Tyler Road. Written and verbal comments will be received and taken into consideration. The deadline for input from residents via letter or telephone for possible projects is Tuesday, November 27, 2007. The Township Board will recommend eligible projects to Housing and Urban Development for funding and approval.

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SPORTS

Novi beats Salem volleyball semi finals

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Illnesses hampered Salem in the Friday's district semifinal against the state-ranked Novi Wildcats at Northville.

Novi won in four games. But Salem's leader, senior Alyssa Matchette had shingles all week and setter Jansan Falcusan was nursing a blown eardrum, according to Salem coach Amanda Suder.

"(Falcusan) is pretty much our everything, Suder said. "But with her being so sick it's hard to keep it going and to play well and she played really well for how she was. I still think we played exceptionally well."

The Lady Rocks lost the first two games 25-16 and 25-17 respectively but stormed back in the third for a 25-20 win to push the series to four. The final game was up and down but Novi pulled it out, 25-20.

"That's something that we've been good at all year," Suder said of the third-game comeback. "What we've been failing to do is

capitalize on it right away, losing the first two games and then winning the last three. We just couldn't keep it going."

Junior Kelly MacDonald was a huge factor in the third game. She accounted for most of her 16 kills on the night in that game. She also finished with 15 digs.

Matchette led the defense with 18 digs in the match. Falcusan notched 12 assists, two aces and 11 digs.

Salem finished the year with a 32-12-3 overall record.

Things look good for the Lady Rocks Next year. Suder only loses two seniors — Matchette and Jill Slabey—to

graduation. Eight juniors are slated to return next year: MacDonald, Erin Classen, Falcusan, Annie Zhang, Becky Davis, Kelly Gitre, Katie Janda and Katie Parr. Lauren Dworzyn was the lone sophomore on the squad this year and three experienced freshman should be back."

Like Suder said: "It's a bright future."

What we've been failing to do is capitalize on it right away, losing the first two games and then winning the last three.

Amanda Suder

Glenn

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force on defense. She racked up 50 digs in the effort. Aranda Phare added 19 digs and Halie Baker added seven kills and four blocks.

To get to the finals Glenn had to get by cross-town rival and host Wayne in the semifinals.

They did so with ease in three games (25-15, 25-11, 25-9).

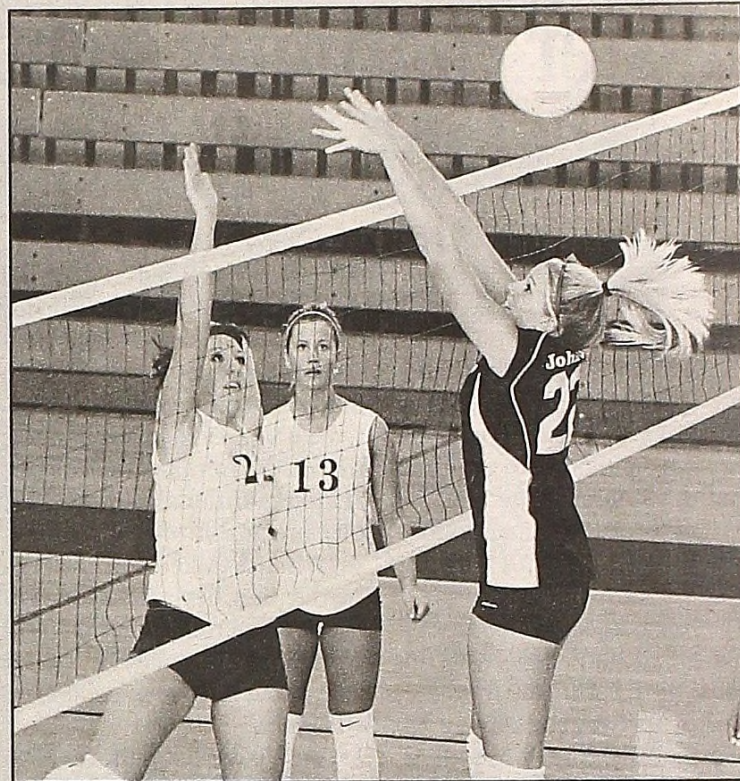
Holbrook led the offense again with 22 kills. Kirk led the defense with 22 digs. Phare added 18 and Stacey Truskowski had seven kills.

"Rivalry matches are always intense," Wargo said. "This one was no different. Wayne passed everything that we served at them. We were able to match up with them at the net, which gave us the advantage. We stepped up our defensive movement, which allowed us to run the attacks that we wanted. Our setter, Lauren Baker, distributed the ball well."

The Lady Rockets also defeated the Romulus Lady Eagles in three games in the first round of play.

Glenn won 25-9, 25-11 and 25-9.

Holbrook had 20 kills and 10 digs. Kirk had eight kills and 24 digs. Phare added 12 digs and Baker had seven kills with



Wayne's Kristen Miller puts a shot over Glenn's Brittany Holbrook on Saturday.

three blocks. Lauren Whitt served up four aces and Truskowski three in the outing.

"We wanted to set the tone for the day with strong serving and smart hitting," Wargo said. "Lauren Baker put together a couple of strings of great serves for us that kept Romulus on their heels. We were able to attack where we needed to in order to be successful."

Romulus Coach Harry Hunter didn't anticipate the strong offense from the Rockets.

"They had way too much fire-power for us to handle," he said. "We didn't play a real good game either. They were much faster than we were and we couldn't get anything going."

Wargo is already looking forward to next year, when he has all but four players returning.

"We played our best ball at the end of the season, when it counts the most," Wargo said. "We look forward to being more competitive in the district playoffs next time around."

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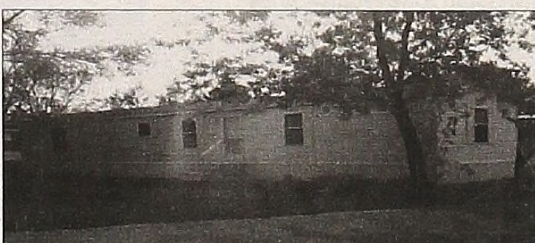
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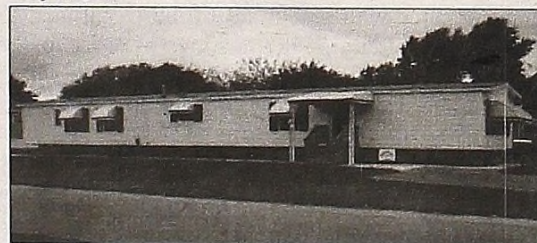
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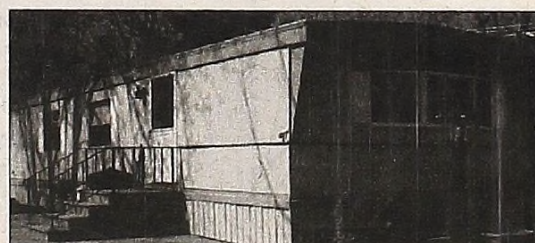
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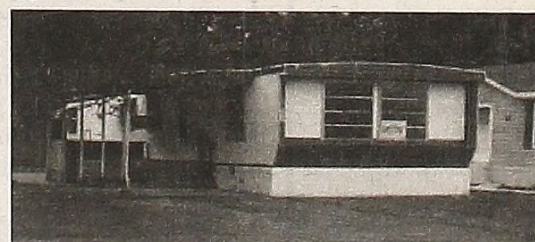
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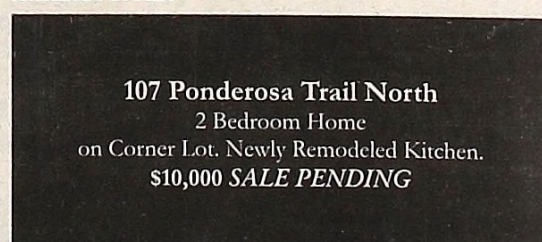
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1. Obituaries



BAWCUM, Mary Aletha, age 88, died October 30, 2007. She was born June 2, 1919. She leaves to cherish her memory her son, Johnny R. Bawcum; three sisters, two brothers-in-law, grandchildren, great grandchildren, one great-grandchild, nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clifford V. Bawcum; children, Clifford E. Bawcum, Mary J. Shehane, Ronald M. Bawcum, Coy A. Bawcum, Barbara A. Thompson and Richard J. Bawcum. Services were held at Penn Funeral Home with Rev. Arthur Willis officiating. Interment was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery, Livonia, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral home, Inkster, MI.

BLACK, Debroah, Age 55 of Westland, died October 22, 2007. Wife of Robert, beloved mother of Mary (Scott) Ray and Robert Black, Jr. Loving daughter of John Winstead and Mary (the late James) McCann. Sister of Donna (Tony) Madrigal. Grandmother of Jacob Black and Tyler Allen. Services were held at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland with burial in Cadillac Memorial Gardens Cemetery West. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfh.com

BRADY, Mary Therese, age 77 of Louisville died October 29, 2007 at Meadowview Health & Rehabilitation Center, from complications of Alzheimer's disease. She was the former Mary T. Brown, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Milford N. Brown of Wayne, Michigan, a teach, artist and antique collector; former member of Queen's Daughters; two-term regent of Abraham Hite Chapter, DAR; member of the U. of Michigan Club of Louisville, U-M Alumni Association and, with her husband, co-leader of a bible-study class at Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Church.

Mary T. is survived by her loving husband, James J. Brady, II; daughters Kelly Dean (Rob), Erin Worsham (Curry) and Shannon Lutz (Stephan); sons James J. Brady, III (Amy), Pat and 11 grandchildren; sisters Margaret Dudar (John) and Anne Courtois (Don).

A 1951 graduate of Marygrove College, Detroit, Mary taught elementary school in Gardin City, MI, and then entered graduate school at the U. of Michigan where she met her future husband, Jim, a Korean War veteran. They married in June, 1955 at St. Mary's Student Chapel, Ann Arbor, MI as she received her M.A. in education and he graduated in journalism. She then taught a year in Ann Arbor area while he got his M.A. In June, 1956, they began his 34-year GE career with assignments in Ft. Wayne, IN; Schenectady, NY; and Louisville, where he retired in 1990. The Brady's were longtime vacationers in the Petoskey-Harbor Springs area of northwestern Lower Michigan. Her funeral Mass was held Friday, November 2, 2007 at Mother of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 8509 Westport Road, with burial in Calvary Cemetery. Memorials: Hospice & Palliative Care of Louisville, PO Box 35425, Louisville, KY 40232-9892 in the name of Mary T. Brady

FRANCIS Harry C., age 87 of Dearborn, formerly of Wayne, died October 31, 2007. Beloved husband of the late Hallie, loving father of Harry III of West Bloomfield, Scott of Conn., and Charles (Angie) of Mexico, dearest grandfather of Nicole and Shannon and great grandfather of Kaitlyn, dear brother of Donna VanDerklip of Grand Rapids. A Memorial Service will be held Saturday, November 10th at Noon, at the First Congregational Church in Wayne. Arrangements by Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Wayne.

KANOUSE, James R., Age 51 of Monroe, died October 20, 2007. Beloved father of Derek Kanouse and Ryan Kanouse. Dear father of Donald (Karen), Terry (Pauline) and Sean (Cheryl). Services were held at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland with Rev. Roy Forsyth officiating. Cremation rites were accorded with burial in Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, MI. Please visit and post a tribute at www.uhtfh.com

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LADA, Gabriel "Gubby", Age 83 of Westland, died October 23, 2007. Beloved husband of Elizabeth. Dear father of Lorraine (Jim) Jackson, Lynne (John) Moomaw, Lance (Sue) and Layne (Roxann). Grandfather of 13, great-grandfather of 14. Brother of the late Steven, Joseph, Louis, Esther Kertesz, Frank and Paul. Also preceded by one grandchild. Family received friends at the Uht Funeral Home, Westland, where a Wayne Lodge #112 F. & A.M. service was also held. The funeral service was held at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Westland. Cremation rites were accorded and inurnment will follow at Cadillac Memorial Gardens Cemetery West. Memorials to the church would be appreciated. Please visit and post a tribute at the www.uhtfh.com



NELSON, Earnest, age 60, died October 13, 2007. He was born January 16, 1947. He leaves to cherish his memory, his life long

companion and mother of his children, Linda Bell; his children and grandchildren, Earnest Goodwin (granddaughters, Aiyonna and Whysper Goodwin), Pia Bell (grandson, Thomas Johnson IV), Akeera Nelson and Rena Nelson; two step-sons, Curtis Goodwin (grandson, Curtis Goodwin Jr.) and Bronson Bell (granddaughter, Ashley Franklin and grandson, Deonte Bell), who he had a hand in raising and loved as his very own; the mother of his first born, Phyllis Goodwin; his three brothers Muhammad Abdul Mumeen (Bobby), Maurice Nelson (Regina) and Murray Nelson; six sisters, Bessie McCray, Lessie Pittman (Rufus), Virginia Nelson, Earnestine Mingo (Bo's twin), Geraldine Williams and JoAnn Daniels (Donald); one aunt, Ethel Bell Wilson; special friends, Hugh Williams, Greg Stewart and Clarence Frederick (Tubby), and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends who all cherish his memory. Services were held at Greater Works Deliverance Ministries with Prophetess Teresa A Moton officiating. Interment was at Sunset Hills, Ypsilanti, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.



PENN, Josephine Allegro, age 67, died October 24, 2007. She was born July 29, 1940. She leaves to keep her memory alive, Malba Wynn, her only child; son-in-law David; granddaughters, Madisen and Spirit Wynn; mother Thelma Cecil; cousins, Geraldine Watson (Robert), Wilma Jean Ruffin (Joel), Carolyn Cooper (Kenneth), William Penn III (Rhonda), Robert Penn, Ronald Penn and Henry Heath and numerous other family members and friends. Services were held at Greater Grace Temple, Detroit, MI with Bishop Charles Ellis officiating. Interment was at Gethsemane Cemetery,

Detroit, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.



PORTER, Frank Sr., age 76, died October 14, 2007. Frank leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife Dorothy and children Sylvia (Horace) Jackson and Frank, Jr.; nine grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren whom he loved dearly; two sisters, Lucile (Marvin) Stubbs and Lorine Holmes; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Services were held at Gethsemane Missionary Baptist church with Rev. Dr. John E. Duckworth officiating. Interment was at Knollwood Cemetery, Canton, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.



STUBBS, Joe Eddie, Sr., age 65, died October 17, 2007. He was born September 6, 1942. He leaves to cherish his memory his children, Joe Eddie Stubbs Jr., and Saudria Monet Stubbs; one step-daughter, Kimberly Morrison (Brandon Sr.); grandchildren, Eddie M. Stubbs, Christopher D. Malone, Jasmine Boyd, Indya Willingham and Brandon Morrison Jr.; brothers, George (Naomi), Roosevelt (Shirley), Alchristopher and Daryl (Dorothy); sisters, Pearl Dinwiddie, Beatrice Stubbs, Ethel White (Willie) and Wynell Chatmon; aunts, Betty Pickens and Sara Williams of Memphis, TN and Mozella Booker of Florissant, MO; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and a special friend Sandra Poinsetta. Services were held at

Amity Baptist Church, Inkster, MI with Rev. Anthony Eaddy officiating. Interment was at United Memorial Gardens, Plymouth, MI. Final arrangements were entrusted to Penn Funeral Home, Inkster, MI.

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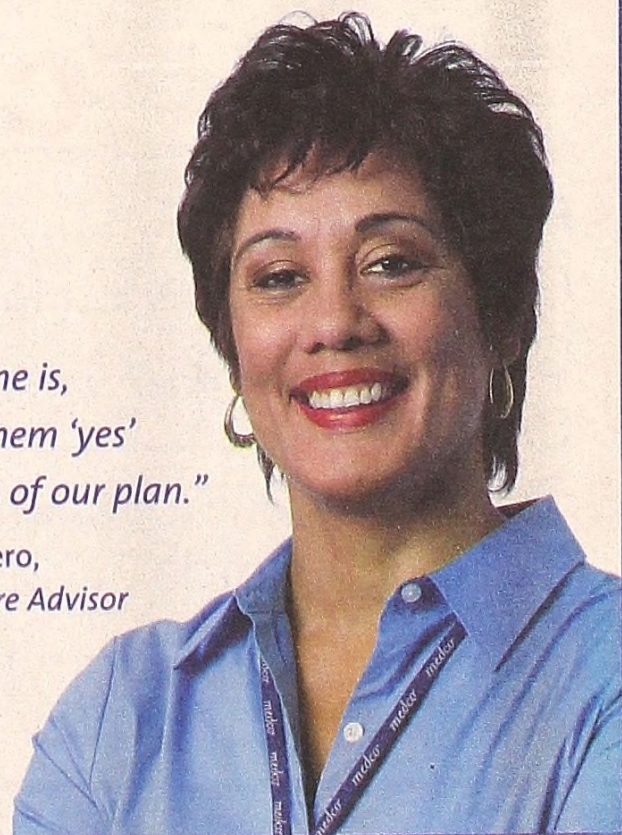
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